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**Enhanced Ebola Screening and Monitoring Removed for Travelers from Sierra Leone to the United States**

FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE – Effective December 22, 2015 the United States is removing all enhanced screening and monitoring for travelers from Sierra Leone; travelers will be subject to routine screening only by U.S. Customs and Border Patrol.

The United States congratulates the Government of Sierra Leone on reaching the important milestone marked by the WHO announcement on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 that Sierra Leone is free of Ebola transmission. The success of the response demonstrates that the world community can beat a serious disease outbreak by working together with the right tools: rapid diagnostics, contact tracing and surveillance, isolation of cases, safe and dignified burials, community outreach, and education.

We urge Liberians, Sierra Leoneans, and Guineans to remain vigilant, since the threat of a renewed Ebola outbreak remains in the region. Rigorous surveillance and continuing to build the Ebola response capacity are the best defense against the reintroduction of Ebola.

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